

September 13, 2005

Chairman Cliff Thael
Board of County Commissioners
Leon County Courthouse
Tallahassee, FL
32301

Dear Chairman Thael:

A Recommendation Committee met and interviewed candidates for the vacancy on the Leon County Research and Development Authority. This is in keeping with County Ordinance 00-29. The vacancy is created by the expiration of the term of Ms. Sylvia Jordan.

The committee members were Mr. Michael Parker, Director of Economic Development City of Tallahassee, Ms. Sue Dick, President of the Economic Development Council of Tallahassee/Leon County, and Mr. Terence Hinson, Chairman of the Capital City Chamber of Commerce.

The three candidates that were interviewed are listed below. A copy of their biographical profiles has been included with this letter.

Name	Firm
Mr. Ed Murray	Talcor Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc.
Ms. Nolia Brandt	Brandt Information Systems, Inc.
Mr. Bill Gunter	Rogers, Gunter, Vaughn Insurance, Inc.

All three candidates were rated as outstanding. They all had skills and insight that would make them valuable contributing members of the Authority. The selection was extremely difficult and the ranking was not a unanimous decision. The issue of the diversity and community representation on the Authority was discussed.

Mr. Murray received the highest total ranking as a member who has experience in commercial real estate, property management and economic development. Ms. Brandt was recognized for her expertise with technology firms, business starts ups and her interest in creating venture capital opportunities. Mr. Gunter's strengths are his experience with finance; risk management and his ability bring partners together.

The Recommendation Committee is requesting that the recommendation of Mr. Ed Murray be forwarded to the Board for consideration on their agenda at the September 20th meeting:

Thank you for your interest and continuing support of the Authority. If you have any questions, please contact me at 575-0343.

Sincerely,



Linda Nicholse
Director

Enclosures

Cc: Michael Parker, Sue Dick, Terence Hinson